



**ST. ROSE of LIMA**  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

“You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

*Matthew 18:32-33*

# WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY!



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## OUR MISSION

Making Room For All At The Table  
Of The Lord Through Loving Service

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	18	6:30 P.M. CCE - 2ND - 5TH GRADE, EH, RM A,B,C 7:00 P.M. GIRL SCOUTS USA, EH 7:00 P.M. MARRIAGE PREP, FC 7:30 P.M. PRAYER GROUP, CHPL
TUE	19	10:30 A.M. SCRIPTURE SHARING, RA 1:30 P.M. LEGION OF MARY (ENG), FC 7:00 P.M. BOY SCOUT TROOP 40, EH 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, RC 7:30 P.M. LEGION DE MARIA, RA
WED	20	10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, RC 11:00 A.M. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, RA 6:30 P.M. WOMEN'S ACTS, PH 7:00 P.M. SPANISH MASS, CH
THU	21	9:00 A.M. THURSDAY CLUB, PH 6:30 P.M. CUB SCOUT PACK 40, EH 6:00 P.M. RECONCILIATION, CH 6:30 P.M. YOUTH MINISTRY FC, BRIDE ROOM 7:00 P.M. RCIA, RB
FRI	22	7:00 P.M. GRUPO DE ORACION, RB
SAT	23	8:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. WOMEN'S ACTS TEAM RETREAT, PH 4:00 P.M. RECONCILIATION, CH
SUN	24	9:45 A.M. CCE PRE-K - 1ST GRADE, FC 10:30 A.M. CCE 2ND GRADE (SPANISH), RC 3:00 P.M. EDGE PH, FC 6:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION II, PH, FC, BRIDE ROOM 6:30 P.M. LIFETEEN KICKOFF PH, FC, BRIDE ROOM

# FINANCIALS | FINANZAS

# WORSHIP | CULTO

## COLLECTIONS: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3

Masses	\$7,380.75
Drop Off & Mail In	\$1,113.00
Online	\$11,156.37
Weekly Total	\$19,650.12
Weekly Goal	\$25,000.00
Actual vs. Goal	-(5,349.88)
Year to Date Total	\$213,639.48
Year to Date Goal	\$219,588.00
Actual vs. Goal	-(5,948.52)

## DSF PROGRESS TRACKER

PARISH GOAL	\$105,000.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$84,530.00
LEFT TO RAISE	\$20,470.00
<b>Second Collection: Catholic University of America</b>	\$1,794.80

## OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
Lunes-Viernes: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

## CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN

Wednesday/Miércoles: 6-6:45 pm  
Thursday/Jueves: 6-6:45 pm  
Saturday/Sábado: 4-4:45 pm

## PRAYER LIST/LISTA DE ORACIÓN

**Prayer List/Lista de Oración:** Patti Ormand, Jacob Soto, Rosa Fratoni, Sharon Vezolles, Kyle Yao Dacdac, Balder Brooks, Matthew Smith, Jose Lopez, Artur Zancanaro, Nishah Charania, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Ailen E. Vazquez, Ranses Ramos, Chuck Gremillion, Jasmine Armitage, Damianus Aditya Christie, Laurie Reinmann, Alysha Fath, Yolanda Falcon, Marianna Watkins, Josephine Reeves, Kerri Salinas

**Rest of the Souls of/Por el Descanso Eterno:** Gerard Hetmaniak, Gilbert Koteras, Eleanora Hoffman, Richard Benfiel, Ana Maria Polito

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS/HORARIOS E INTENCIONES DE MISA

<b>Monday</b> Lunes <b>18</b>	<b>8:15 am [English]:</b> † Malcolm Phillips 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10	<b>Tuesday</b> Martes <b>19</b>	<b>8:15 am [English]:</b> Garcia-Cardenas Family <b>Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</b> 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday</b> Miércoles <b>20</b>	<b>8:15 am [English]:</b> † Dian Duoto <i>BirthDay</i> <b>7 pm [Español]:</b> † Juan Silvia <b>Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gõn</b> 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35	<b>Thursday</b> Jueves <b>21</b>	<b>8:15 am [English]:</b> † Saul D. Roby Henderson <b>Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b> Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
<b>Friday</b> Viernes <b>22</b>	<b>8:15 am [English]:</b> † Charles & Willie Mae kubeczka 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3	<b>Saturday</b> Sábado <b>23</b>	<b>8:15 am:</b> † Rena M. Spanos <b>5:00 pm:</b> † Mike Rosas Jr <b>Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</b> 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
<b>Sunday</b> Domingo <b>24</b>	<b>8:00 am [English]:</b> † Gus Oppmerman <b>10:00 am [English]:</b> † Ronnie Piwetz <b>12:00 pm [Español]:</b> SRL COMMUNITY <b>5:00 pm [English]:</b> Bulletin Sponsors	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a	

# EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

## FAVERNEY

FRANCE, 1608



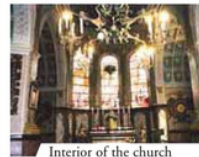
On the Vigil of the Feast of Pentecost, the monks of Faverney decided to expose the Blessed Sacrament for public adoration. During the night, a fire flared up which destroyed the altar and the sacred furnishings, but not the monstrance containing the Sacred Host. The monstrance was retrieved after a few days while it was suspended in the air perfectly intact. The miraculous Host is still kept today and many are the pilgrims who every year hasten to venerate the miracle.



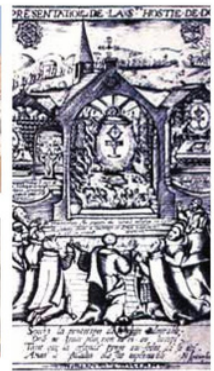
Stained glass window of the church in which the miracle is portrayed



Minor Basilica, Faverney



Interior of the church



Exposition of the Host of the miracle



Old small print that represents the miracle



Monstrance containing the relic of the miraculous Host

In the 17th century, Protestantism and Calvinism spread quickly in France by means of the many material benefits conceded by the new religions to the members of the nobility and the clergy coming from the Catholic Church. This placed at risk the faith of many and created many uncertainties, even in the monasteries. In the city of Faverney there was a Benedictine Abbey whose monks had departed a great deal from the rule of their founder. They had only in high-esteem the devotion to the Lady of Notre-Dame la Blanche, known in all the area for its many miracles. Through her intercession many miracles had in fact been verified, among which was even the returning to life of two infants who were not yet baptized. In 1608, on the Vigil of the Feast of Pentecost, the monks decided to prepare an altar for the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The lunette of the monstrance was very large, and

because of this, they decided to put in two Hosts. When Vespers had finished the monks left the monstrance exposed on the provisional altar.

*On the next morning,* the sacristan opened the church and found it full of smoke, with the provisional altar completely reduced to ashes. He started to yell, and immediately the religious and other people hastened and proceeded to remove the ashes with the hope of finding some part of the monstrance. When the smoke began to clear, they were astonished seeing that the monstrance was suspended in the air. The multitude increased and crowded to see the Eucharistic marvel, in which the Hosts had remained unharmed regardless of the fire. The religious were astonished, and unable to make a decision, asked the counsel of the Capuchin friars of Vesoul. These immediately prepared a new altar

over the burned one, and celebrated Holy Mass. During the elevation of the Host, the monstrance slowly descended upon the new altar. When the canonical process finished, on July 10, the Archbishop of Besançon declared that the Miracle was authentic, and on September 13, the Archbishop of Rodi - who was the nuncio in Brussels - made it known to Pope Paul V who granted a Bull of Indulgence. The miracle rekindled the faith of many. In 1862, the Congregation of Rites authorized the celebration of the Miracle. In 1908 the third centenary of the miracle was solemnly commemorated with a National Eucharistic Congress. Even today it is possible to see and venerate the relic containing one of the two Hosts which remained unharmed. The other Host, unfortunately, after it was donated to the Church of Dole, was destroyed by the revolutionaries in 1794.

# WORD OF THE WEEK

September 17, 2023 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

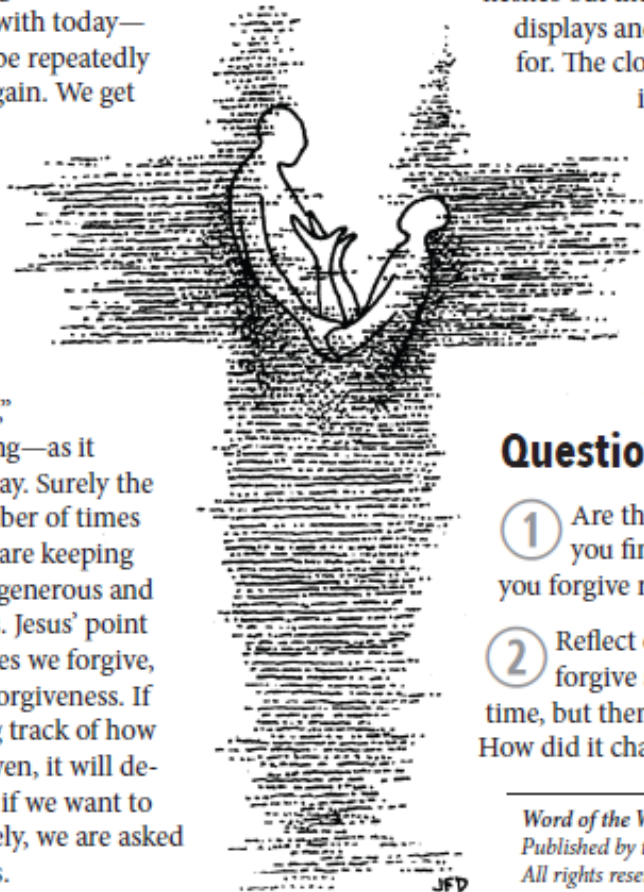
## A Serious Business

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Sirach 27:30-28:7 • Call to forgiveness and mercy
- ▶ Romans 14:7-9 • To live and die for Christ
- ▶ Matthew 18:21-35 • The merciless official

Jesus was an extraordinary teacher, but most of his teachings weren't "new" or "original;" he drew them from the wealth of his Jewish traditions and scripture. We see an example of this today in his teachings about forgiveness after reading from Sirach's instructions on the subject. Sirach wrote about 150-200 years before Jesus' time. On his part, Sirach based some of his teachings on wisdom from even earlier in Jewish history.

This is the second week in a row we read some of Jesus' teaching about the importance of forgiveness. Peter's question about how many times we must forgive someone else (seven times?) suggests that in their day people struggled with what some of us still struggle with today—forgiving others only to be repeatedly hurt and disappointed again. We get the sense that Peter may have thought he was generous in offering to forgive someone seven times. Jesus' answer, which can be translated either as "77 times" or "70 times seven times," would have been shocking—as it probably still is to us today. Surely the point isn't the exact number of times we forgive because if we are keeping count, we aren't entirely generous and free with our forgiveness. Jesus' point is not the number of times we forgive, but the "quality" of our forgiveness. If we imagine God keeping track of how many times we are forgiven, it will detract from the mercy. So if we want to be forgiven fully and freely, we are asked to do the same for others.



"Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?"

### Sheepish Question:

Who have I failed to forgive? Why?  
Who has surprised me with mercy?

The parable about the merciless official which follows fleshes out the spirit of forgiveness that God displays and which Jesus asks us to reach for. The closing warning or threat of punishment for those who do not forgive suggests how seriously Jesus wants his listeners to take this issue. We may not like the image of a Father God who will torture those who are not merciful, but it serves to wake us up to the graveness of the issue at hand.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Are there situations or people whom you find easier to forgive, and whom you forgive repeatedly?
- 2 Reflect on an experience of struggling to forgive someone, perhaps for a very long time, but then finding the freedom to do so. How did it change you?

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# RECONCILIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It gives me great joy to write to those who want to learn more about our beautiful Faith. The Gospel for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time speaks of being forgiven and about forgiving others. God's forgiveness of our sins should motivate us to forgive those who trespass against us. So, this is a good occasion to discuss God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Many people don't see the need for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They fail to see the blessing that comes in this sacrament. They see confessing to a priest as unnecessary, since they can appeal directly to God. They fail to see the beauty in this sacrament. They fail to see the beauty of God's gift of mercy.

As you recall, a sacrament is a visible, perceptible sign which points to an unseen, divine reality. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is no different; it points to the love, mercy, and forgiveness of God. During this sacrament, the priest acts in the person of Christ...in Persona Christi. He makes real the love, mercy, and forgiveness of God.

Listen to the beautiful words of absolution which the priest speaks over a penitent:

*"God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (Rite of Penance 46) Who would not want these powerful words spoken to them? Who would not want forgiveness, pardon, peace, and absolution? Only a person who thinks that his or her sin is a personal thing. Only a person who does not realize that their sin affects God, the Church, and the community. Only a person who does not realize that their sin separates them from the love and mercy of God.

I'm sure that some of you have experienced mixed emotions as you approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For me, I cycle back and forth between fear and comfort. After I overcome the fear of admitting and naming my sins, I feel a sense of comfort. Immediately thereafter, fear returns as I feel the shame of verbalizing my sins. Then, I have to work

up the courage to actually get in line with others. There is some comfort in knowing that I am not alone.

There is comfort in knowing that I am in the company of sinners.

Oh no! I can't remember the words for the Act of Contrition. The fear is back. The priest's greeting and peaceful presence is a source of comfort. When was my last confession?

Oh no! I can't remember. I begin naming and enumerating my sins. When I finish, comfort returns. When the priest speaks words of absolution, I go way beyond comfort. I sense a peace that is hard to describe. This has to be the forgiveness of God. Oh no! Now, it is time to receive my penance. The fear is back as I imagine an awful penance. This is where I have experienced the mercy of God as I have never received an awful penance, nothing even close to what my runaway imagination conceives.

On one unforgettable occasion, after my confession and absolution, my parish priest stood and asked me to stand after assigning me penance. He gave me a great, big bear hug and whispered in my ear, "You are a good man, Ray. Ray, you are a good man." That was something that I really needed to hear that day. In that moment, I felt the love of God, and I really understood in "Persona Christi." The beauty of the sacrament was made real for me that day!

I encourage you all to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis. One day, you too will experience the beauty and power of this sacrament. Holy Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Pray for us!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Deacon Ray Rodriguez



## **STOP AND THINK - STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

Some of us come to Mass and try not to get involved. We hang back for many reasons: fear we will be pressured into long-term commitments, or we will be asked to do what we have no aptitude for. Reluctant volunteers may be generous in other ways, through the weekly collection or donations to good causes. Are you hesitant to volunteer? What are your God-given abilities? Are you a leader, a team player, or a behind-the-scenes worker? Are you sick, homebound, or a frequent traveler? You can pray more. There is something only you can do for your parish! Are you a ministry leader? Our parish survives if only a few are committed, but it thrives if everyone is included.

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## YOUTH FORMATION REGISTRATION

2023-2024 Youth Registration is **open** for all 6th-12th graders. Edge, Life Teen, and Confirmation registration is completely online. Visit us online or scan the QR Code for more info.



## REGISTRACION PARA LA FORMACIÓN DE JÓVENES

*La registracion de 2023-2024 para jóvenes está abierta para todos los estudiantes de 6°-12° grado. Los formularios de Edge, Life Teen, y Confirmacion es completamente en línea. Visítenos nuestra pagina o escanee el código QR para obtener más información.*

In Fr. Adam's homily at the 8:00 a.m. Mass this past weekend, he put great emphasis on the fact that we, as Catholics, who receive the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Eucharist, have a sacred responsibility and trust. When we step up to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist and say "Amen", we are not only confirming that we believe in the Real Presence, but we are also committing ourselves to accepting all the Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims. At the Baptism of their children, parents are accepting the same responsibility as they help their child believe, teach and proclaim all the Church teaches. As Catholic parents, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are actively forming your child in the ways of our faith so that they will produce abundant fruit that makes real the Kingdom of God on earth. In the parable of the seed and the soil, Jesus very clearly addresses this responsibility to parents. Parents are charged with preparing the spiritual soil in the hearts of their kids so that they might produce fruit 30, 60 or 100 fold. Are you fulfilling this obligation? If your child attends public school, are they enrolled in religious education classes? The St. Rose of Lima CCE program seeks to help you fulfill the awesome responsibility you accepted at the moment you baptized your child. Ultimately, the fruit your child produces for God's kingdom on earth will be determined by how committed you were to properly tilling the soil in their hearts. Classes begin Monday, September 18th at 6:30p.m. in the East Hall and registration is ongoing.

Deacon John

# PARISH LIFE

## WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

What is a Brown Scapular? Who is Mary? What is a Miraculous Medal? If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and would like to become Catholic, our RCIA program is starting soon. Join us!

Contact Deacon David Dufilho for more information:

[ddufilho@stroselima.org](mailto:ddufilho@stroselima.org)



## Want To Join a Bible Study?

The Bible Timeline is a 24-session study program. First class is Tuesday, **September 12, 7:00pm** or Wednesday, **September 13** at 10:30 am. Location: **Room C** in Admin building. To RSVP, Contact Mary Lynn & Allen Brehm: [marylynnbrehm@gmail.com](mailto:marylynnbrehm@gmail.com) [allenbrehm@gmail.com](mailto:allenbrehm@gmail.com) Cost: \$38 for materials, available on the first class.

## GETTING MARRIED?

Marriage prep classes are starting Monday, September 11. To sign up, contact:

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## Thursday Club

The Thursday Club is a social group that gathers to share fellowship and play cards and games. All parishioners aged 50 and over are welcome to join. The club meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, sharing a covered pot luck lunch on the 1st Thursday (bring your own lunch on the 3rd Thursday). **Next Meeting:**

**September 21** at 9am in the Parish Hall.

For more information, contact:

**Mary Wisniewski 713.864.5925**

## Traveling Chalice

Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Sign up sheet is in the church or you can send an email to: [frjohn@stroselima.org](mailto:frjohn@stroselima.org)  
Upcoming schedule: Saturday **September 16** - Anna&Alberto Plasencia (5pm Mass)  
Sunday **September 24** - Cueva Family (8am Mass)



## The Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project offers assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. The Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help, as well as spiritual support to mothers in need. If you would like to assist through time or donations, please contact Anna Zamarripa: [anazamarripa@att.net](mailto:anazamarripa@att.net)

## JOIN THE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP!

The St. Rose Charismatic Prayer Group meets on Mondays at 7:30pm in the Chapel beginning **September 11**. Come praise and worship, sharing God's word, testimonies, intercession and healing prayer. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.



## Catechetical Sunday -

**September 17**

**A great big Thank You to our volunteer catechists at St. Rose of Lima. Are you called to serve as a Catechist? Contact Deacon John to learn more.**





# PARISH LIFE

## Want to Join the Men's Club?

The St. Rose of Lima Men's Club is a fraternal group of men who serve the community in many ways. They meet the first Thursday of each month in the East Hall at 7:00pm. To join or to get more information, please contact Mr. Rick Burrell:  
richard.d.burrell@exxonmobil.com



## Want To Join Cub Scouts?

Sign up for a lifetime of fun! Kindergarten - 5th grade boys are invited to join Cub Scouts. Contact Jeremiah Walcik:  
jeremiah\_walcik@yahoo.com  
or  
Kelly Birt: klscott\_tcu@hotmail.com



## St. Rose of Lima Adoration Schedule

St. Rose of Lima now has daily Adoration! The schedule is as follows:

**Monday-Wednesday**

**After 8:15am Mass - Noon**

**Wednesday (Español) 6:00 pm - 6:50**

**Thursday: 9:00am - 7:00pm**

## Want to become an Altar Server?



All fourth graders and older who have received their First Communion are invited to attend Altar Server Training on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00pm in the Church.

## Join Our Community!

Have you made it official yet? Join our community and get involved today. St. Rose of Lima has over 50 ministries, share your time and talents with the Church!



## Set Up Online Giving

Scan the QR code to set up online giving



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## Join Us in Celebrating Priesthood Sunday - September 24



**Please join us for a reception after the 10am and 12pm Mass next Sunday, September 24th as we show our love and support for Fr. Linh and Fr. John in response to their "Yes" to the Priesthood!**

# SRL SCHOOL NEWS

## CONCERT BAND IS BACK IN SESSION!



## 8TH GRADERS TOUR ST. PIUS

ST. ROSE OF LIMA 8TH GRADERS GOT TO SEE WHAT LIFE AS A FUTURE PANTHER WOULD BE LIKE ON A VISIT TO ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL!

## 8TH GRADE VISIT TO ST. PIUS!



## SRL PRE-K FUN!



# PARISH LIFE

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- A JOYFUL DEMEANOR IS ESSENTIAL

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**JOIN OUR TEAM**



**Attention Women!**  
Do you yearn to develop a deeper relationship with God and your community?

**ST. ROSE OF LIMA**  
**2023 WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT**  
**OCTOBER 12-15**

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**CLASSES BEGIN ON**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

**"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened."**

MATTHEW 11:28

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